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Dr. Lake Speaker At Rotary Meeting Here Last Tuesday

Guarding the privilege of education was the subject of an address delivered by Dr. Beverly Lake to members of the Hertford Rotary Club and club guests at a meeting held here last Tuesday night at the Hotel Hertford.

Dr. Lake, former assisstant to the Attorney General of North Carolina, was introduced by Carroll R. Holmes, who pointed out Mr. Lake had served the state well in the official capacity and had presented the state's school case before the U. S. Supreme Court.

In his address Dr. Lake traced the beginning of public education in North Carolina, citing the fact the constitution as written by Richard Caswell and other men at Halifax had provided for it, and the preservation of liberty.

The state constitution of 1776 provides "a school or schools shall be established for the convenient instruction of youth—and all useful learning shall be duly encouraged and promoted."

Dr. Lake said such a system flourished in North Carolina long before the Civil War, that it was not a new development, nor was it brought into the state in a carpet bag from across the Potomac and the Ohio. By 1861 in North Carolina there were 2,758 public schools in operation in North Carolina with 155,000 children enrolled in them, taught by teachers whose average monthly salaries were higher than those in a number of northern states.

In the days following the Civil War, Dr. Lake continued, the public schools in North Carolina, because of the arrogance of the counterpart of the NAACP behind the bayonet of federal troops, withered and died. Schools closed down and enrollment fell but the people's right to the privilege of education was guarded and maintained in those days in private schools, often conducted in the living room of a home and in academies sponsored by churches and private enterprises.

Coming down to the present time, Dr. Lake said the children of North Carolina have a right to the privilege of education; it is the duty of the state to guard and maintain that right against the tyranny of a federal administration which values the NAACP vote in New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and Los Angeles above the education of white and Negro children in Southern States.

The privilege of education cannot be maintained, Dr. Lake said, for the children of North Carolina in an integrated system of public schools. He pointed out surveys conducted by former Attorney General Harry McMullan in preparing a brief for presentation to the Supreme Court, revealed that school superintendents of the state, law enforcement officers and others had expressed, overwhelming, the opinion that standards could not be maintained if the school system were changed.

Dr. Lake assailed the Supreme Court for its 1954 decision stating the court had not acted in a judicial manner in interpreting the law but rather in a legislative changing the law based upon sociological theories.

He stated the Pupil Assignment Act of 1955 is a good law but it is a temporary one and that the state must continue to work and plan to maintain the privilege of education for the children of North Carolina.

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Board Of Education To Meet Friday P. M.

A meeting of the Perquimans Board of Education has been called for Friday night, December 12, at 6:30 o'clock at the Hotel Hertford, it was announced by J. T. Biggers, school superintendent.

The board members will hold a dinner meeting, beginning at 6:30 to be followed by a business session at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. Biggers stated individuals desiring to confer with the board may do so during the business session of the meeting.

Civic Committee Organized During Meet Wednesday

Representatives of 10 civic clubs of Perquimans County met here Wednesday night, at the invitation of the Board of Commissioners for Perquimans County and the Town Board of Hertford, for the purpose of organizing a committee to work with the boards for planning of future improvements to the community.

The representatives all agreed the proposal to organize such a committee was an excellent idea and it was the opinion of the group the organization can be of great service to the county and town.

While the meeting Wednesday was one of exploration, the representatives voted to proceed with organization and elected W. F. Ainsley as chairman, N. S. Fulford as vice chairman and Mrs. Marion Swindell, secretary.

Mayor V. N. Darden and County Commissioner R. L. Spivey opened the meeting with brief remarks regarding the proposed organization, pointing out the governmental boards will welcome suggestions and advisory comments from the committee.

The committee voted the organization will be known as the Public Advisory Committee and discussed at some lengths the fields of endeavor in which the committee will engage.

For the present the committee is planning to inquire into and survey the proposed plans for a by-pass for Route 17 at Hertford and the chairman was instructed to contact Highway Engineer W. N. Spruill to arrange a meeting between the engineer and the committee to learn further details on this project.

Members of the committee are J. W. Dillon, VFW; Max Campbell, Rotary Club; John Biggers, Lions Club; W. F. Ainsley, American Legion; Keith Haskett, Jaycees; Mrs. Marion Swindell, BPW Club; R. S. Chappell, Bethel Ruritan Club; Floyd Matthews, Parkville Ruritan Club; N. S. Fulford, New Hope Ruritan Club; Henry C. Stokes, Jr., Industrial Committee.

Youth Cleared In Accidental Death

A Perquimans County man, John L. Hill, a Marine stationed at Cherry Point, was cleared of blame in an accidental death which occurred last Saturday at Williamston, when a six-year-old boy died from injuries suffered when the boy ran in front of a car driven by Hill.

According to Martin County Coroner W. W. Biggs, the boy apparently was waiting for a train to pass and then ran in front of the car operated by Hill. Biggs ruled the death accidental and said no inquest was necessary.

Central PTA To Meet Next Monday

A Christmas musical program under the direction of Miss Caroline Wright will be presented at a meeting of the PTA of Central Grammar School, next Monday night. The meeting will begin at 7:30 in the auditorium of the school. All patrons of the school are urged to attend.



GROUNDING CHERUB—Pamela Henry, 8, front row, second from right, is one of three children selected to symbolize the 1959 March of Dimes. She is shown singing with the Cherub Choir of the Covenant United Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, Okla. The three children will tour nationwide during January to emphasize the organization's threefold purpose: to fight polio, arthritis and to correct birth defects.

Town Board Adopts Budget At Meeting Held Last Monday

Hertford's Town Board met Monday night in its regular December meeting and adopted, in its final form a fiscal budget for the year 1958-1959. The budget, in its tentative form, was approved last July and only recently was reviewed and passed upon by the CPA firm which makes the annual audit of the town's financial books.

The budget calls for expenditures amounting to \$70,240.00, for the year, and compares favorably with the budget as completed for last year. Actual revenue during the past year amounted to \$74,423.40 while expenditures totaled \$69,061.92. Revenue and expenditures for the town's utility department during the current year has been estimated at \$120,425.

Prior to adoption of the budget the board discussed improvements to water and light systems during the coming year but it was pointed out planned improvements will cost in excess of probable income and if these programs are carried out it may be necessary to have a bond issue rather than attempt to complete the projects with current income.

Mayor Darden advised the board the new police department had been delivered to the town, and it was now being equipped with siren, radio and police lights and will be placed in operation following these installations, possibly within two weeks.

The Mayor also announced that town and county civic clubs had offered cooperation in the organization of a public service committee to serve in advisory capacity with local government units and an organizational meeting of this group had been scheduled for Wednesday night.

On motion adopted the board voted to give each town employee a day's pay as a Christmas present from the town.

The meeting was concluded with a financial report made to the board by Town Clerk R. C. Elliott.

County Seal Sale Now Totals \$514

Thomas Maston, chairman of the Christmas Seal Sale for Perquimans County, urges everyone to mail in their contributions. Some 430 letters have been returned and a total of \$514 had been realized so far of a \$1,400 goal that is so badly needed to help carry on the work of the Tuberculosis Association in Perquimans County.

Mr. Maston also reminds those who are sending cards and packages during Christmas to use the 1958 Christmas Seals, for the Seals help to fight TB through the year-around work of the association which is supported by the annual sale of the Christmas Seals.

Curriculum Topic Of Discussion At H. S. PTA Meeting

Commissioners To Meet Next Monday

A special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be held next Monday, December 15, at 10 A. M., at which time the board will confer with the county tax listers and issue supplies to be used by the list takers in compiling property lists for 1959 taxes.

The list takers will begin their duties on January 2, 1959, and will make an announcement as to their schedules at a later date.

Perquimans High Honor Roll Lists Fifty-nine Pupils

Fifty-nine students at Perquimans High School were listed on the school honor roll at the close of the second grading period last week, it was announced by E. C. Woodard, principal of the school.

Winning scholastic honors during the period were the following students:

Eighth Grade: Judy Baker, Betsy Barbee, Richard Auman, Blake Weston, Susan Broughton, Carolyn Rogerson, Verna Perry, Mike Holloman, Celtic Ann Long and Susan Riddick.

Ninth Grade: Frank Ainsley, Frank Mansfield, Sidney Long, Paige Chappell, Pete Cook, Brenda Smith, Paula Stoltz, Alton Daniels, Wade Morgan, Franklin McGoogan, Edward Matthews and Catherine White.

Tenth Grade: Hubert Burden, Kathryn Bonner, Carroll McDonnell, Phyllis Hendren, DiAnne Hollowell, Gene Boyce, Linda Bass and Frances Winslow.

Eleventh Grade: Carl Skinner, Johnny Winslow, Pauline Baccus, Linda Lou Elliott, Linda Simpler, Betsy Stallings, Mary Lee Glenn, Brenda Elliott, Kathryn Sawyer, Pat Rogerson, Arlene Stallings, Clay Stokes, Carolyn White and Preston Winslow.

Twelfth Grade: John Matthews, Beverly Tucker, Ray Winslow, Bonnie Dail and Letitia McGoogan.

Local Post Office To Extend Service For Holiday Rush

In preparation for the usual holiday rush, and increase in mail the Hertford Post Office will, beginning Monday, December 15, continue through December 24, be open until 6 P. M., each day, except Sunday, it was announced by W. W. White, Postmaster. The extended schedule will also include Saturday, December 20.

To increase the service extended by the Post Office in expediting Christmas mail, Mr. White stated arrangements have been made to pick up Christmas cards at the Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans High School. School children are asked to take the cards to their schools where a box will be provided for depositing the mail. The Post Office will pick up these cards each morning, thus speeding delivery by several hours.

Mr. White also requests patrons of the Post Office, where possible, to make purchase of stamps in advance of mailing. When depositing cards, and letters at the Post Office patrons are also requested to have the cards separated into two groups, local and out-of-town delivery.

While activity at the local Post Office has shown little increase as yet it is expected the usual holiday increase will begin by the last of this week. The public is urged to mail early to insure delivery of cards and packages before Christmas.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS NOW!

Approximately one hundred parents attended the second meeting of the newly organized PCHS Parent-Teacher Association on December 4 to hear a panel, made up of school personnel, discuss the curriculum of the schools of Perquimans County.

Mrs. H. C. Sullivan, program committee chairman, acted as moderator. Members of the Board of Education were present as special guests.

Tommy Maston, principal of Central, Miss Margaret Mullen, supervisor and Mrs. Edwin White, a first grade teacher in the Winfall school, presented the curriculum of the primary grades. In this discussion it was brought out that the reading and writing programs in the elementary schools in this county are taught in a uniform manner, thus benefitting the child who has to transfer from one school to another. The new reading program being adopted this year is planned to meet the individual needs of more children.

Miss Thelma Elliott, principal of Hertford Grammar School, and Mrs. R. S. Monds, a seventh grade teacher in the same school, discussed the course of study of the grammar schools of the county.

That the time element is the major problem in these grades was brought out clearly with the enumeration of the many courses required and the explanation of the scarcity of integrated subjects taught with the use of fusion texts. Reading, as the basis for all learning, was emphasized by Mrs. Monds.

E. C. Woodard, principal of Perquimans High School, Joe Tunnell, teacher of agriculture and Mrs. C. R. Holmes, English and social science teacher, represented the high school on the panel. This part of the discussion dealt with the general course of study offered at Perquimans County High School, the vocational courses, the courses required for graduation and for admission to college.

Three proposed types of diplomas, academic, vocational and terminal were explained. The urgent need for a testing and counseling program through out the high school was discussed. That the audience was especially interested in this topic was shown in the questions and answer period which followed the discussion.

John Biggers, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, summarized the discussion of the panel and explained the proposed testing and counseling program suggested in Budget I of the NCF, as well as the counseling program that may be participated in through federal aid.

It is hoped that with a better understanding of the curriculum of the schools, the ways and means may be provided to improve and enrich the courses of studies in all the schools of the county to better meet the individual needs of boys and girls.

Mrs. Dillon's room, 8-B, has the greatest percent of parent present.

Cub Scout Pack Holds Inspection

Lt. Cdr. Donald Dalton, NA, Harvey Point, was chief inspector of Pack 155, Cub Scout sponsored by the Hertford Grammar School PTA. Thursday night, The Cubs, according to Gene Trautwein, District Scout Executive, showed an almost perfect inspection report.

Dalton, a former Eagle Scout, had high praise for the Pack and its fine appearance. Cub Scouting is a program for boys in the 8 to 10 year age range. Durwood Reed, Jr., is cubmaster and he stated the success of the pack is due to the individual parent interest and participation.

The Pack Committee is composed of Ray Haskett, Robt. Hollowell, E. L. Gibbons and W. Dillon. Edson Winslow serves as assistant cubmaster and treasurer.

DEATH WENT TO SCHOOL—This was the scene as firemen removed injured and dead from Our Lady of the Angels parochial school in Chicago, Ill., in wake of one of the worst school fires of record. The toll: more than 90 children dead, plus three heroic nuns of the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin, who died with their pupils.

Hertford Business Sold Wednesday To Edenton Residents

A change in ownership of one of Hertford's oldest business establishments took place last Wednesday morning when J. Kenneth Winslow, owner of the Hertford Hardware & Supply Company announced the sale of the business to T. Eric Haste, Sr. and T. Eric Haste, Jr., of Edenton.

Preparations for the purchase of the local hardware store have been under way for the past few weeks and were completed when Mr. Haste and his son assumed active management of the business on Wednesday morning.

The business, operated by Mr. Winslow for the past 39 years, is recognized as one of the outstanding hardware stores in this section of the state. The new owners announced no changes are planned in the operation of the store, except the name of the firm will be Hertford Hardware & Supply, Inc., instead of company. The store, Mr. Haste said, will retain its present personnel and methods of operation as in the past. The new owners also stated the store will continue to carry the most complete line of hardware, building materials and other merchandise for the shopping convenience of the public.

Mr. Haste, Senior, is an experienced hardware man, having been associated with Byrum Hardware Company in Edenton for 22 years in capacity of sales manager. Mr. Haste, Junior, for the past two years owned and operated the Triangle Restaurant in Edenton but sold this business last week. They are members of the Baptist Church. The new owners of the hardware store plan to move to Hertford sometime in the near future.

In making the announcement of the sale of the business, Mr. Winslow stated he wished to express his thanks and appreciation to the people of this area for the fine patronage he had received from them in the years he owned the business.

He added he had known Mr. Haste since a capable hardware man for 30 years and that Mr. Haste will conduct the business in a highly efficient and courteous manner, giving customers complete and full satisfaction in dealings with the firm. He expressed the hope that the new ownership of the store can be expected to even greater service than had been offered in the past.

WITH ANNOUNCEMENT

Traffic Cases Made Up Most Of Docket In Local Court

Eighteen cases, all but one involving violation of traffic laws, were disposed of during Tuesday's session of Perquimans Recorder's Court presided over by Judge Charles E. Johnson.

Five defendants submitted to charges of speeding and each paid the costs of court and fines as noted following their names: Ernest Williamson \$20.25, Alvin Watt \$9.25, Herzekiah Cooper, Negro, \$25, Charles Helmich \$10.25, and James Sweeney \$5.25.

Two defendants, James Spruill and Joseph Monds, Jr., were found guilty of speeding in excess of 26 miles per hour; Spruill was also found guilty of failing to permit a car to pass him and Monds was found guilty of reckless driving. Each of the defendants was ordered to pay a fine of \$54 and costs of court.

Thomas Tilley was found not guilty of failing to report an accident but guilty of exceeding a safe speed. He was ordered to write a 300 word theme on the

Court Proposals To Be Discussed At Meeting Friday

Proposals for improving the courts of North Carolina will be discussed at a dinner meeting to be held Friday night at the Virginia Dore Hotel in Elizabeth City. J. Spence Bell will be the speaker for this occasion. Bell heads a committee which is working to get this improvement proposals before the General Assembly at its session next year.

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First Snow Fell In Area Thursday

Winter's first snow fell in this area Thursday morning, covering the ground, with a white blanket. The snow began in the early part of day and continued for several hours.

Highway driving became hazardous and the State Highway Patrol urged motorists to use all precautions if they had to travel. A number of cars were involved in minor accidents, several being involved when they arrived off